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DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES STATE OF ARIZONA

FIELD ENGINEERS REPORT

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Date

January 5, 1943

District

Pima (Twin Buttes)

Engineer

Earl F. Hastings

Subject:

Reconstruction Finance Corporation

Preliminary Development Loan

Docket No. Date Application Received Date of Field Examination Date of Report

C-ND-Phoenix 120 January 4, 1943 December 22, 1942 January 5, 1943

- 1. Name and address of applicant (correspondent): C. M. Taylor and A. L. Gorman, Pima County Court House, Tucson, Arizona.
- 2. Character of project and estimated cost thereof: Tungsten. Unwater and repair 500 foot shaft between 165 and 265 foot levels-reopen for inspection and operation the 265 level west. \$5000.00.
- 3. Location of property: Secs. 1,2,11,12, T 18 S., R 12 E., Mineral Survey No. 2030, Pima Mining District, Pima County, Arizona.
- 4. Applicant's interest in or ownership of property: Applicant, a partnership, holds a 5 year lease dated April 7, 1941.
- 5. Loan requested: \$5000.00.
- 6. Loan recommended: \$5000.00.
- 7. Comments:
- (A) Added to the docket is a brief report by George A. Ballam, Field Engineer, Department of Mineral Resources, dated December 22, 1942.
- (B) The property has been extensively developed and stoped as a copper mine and has a shipping record in excess of 2 million dollars in combined cu. and ag. value. The presence of scheelite has only recently been noted; this was found in otherwise barren quartz, the appearance of which was of no interest to the former operators whose interest was solely copper. Hence there is no data pertaining to tungsten content of the various quartz veins cut and, as a matter of fact, these veins were not even plotted on the map (with one exception as noted below).
- (C) The present operator has expended considerable money in the past year in prospecting and minor development of the tungsten showing. This work has been carried on principally at or near the surface and the major results appears to be a 40 foot shaft in the bottom of which there is 9 feet of 0.7% WO, ore. Development of this vein on the 165 foot level has not been accomplished, the main objective not

having been reached by the applicant to date although some quartz stringers containing scheelite have been exposed by this work. Earlier development on this level paralleled the quartz veins and the applicants development was in the nature of a X - cut.

The early development of the 265 foot level, however, was directed slightly north of west from the shaft and it X - cut the general strike of these quartz veins. The map notation indicating a quartz vein on the 265 is several hundred feet along the strike north of the applicants 40 foot shaft and 165 foot level X - cut.

- (D) Exposures and indicated locations can be summarized as follows: 1- Wide-spread surface cuts indicating scheelite on several quartz veins. 2- A 40 foot shaft exposing 9 feet of ore at bottom. 3- A narrow stringer or stringers on the 165 foot level near the vertical extension of the above shaft but not on the same vein. 4- A wide quartz vein on the 265 foot level north of the above; value of this unknown for reasons set forth in (B).
- (E) A study of the docket certainly indicates a showing worthy of development. Some doubt is raised as to eligibility for a "C" loan, however, as the objective (D 4 above) is not, and cannot be in the circumstances, well described. This loan is being recommended for the reason that exposure of commercial W03 ore on the 265 foot level is entirely feasible and that, with such exposure, a substantial tonnage can be developed by drifting south on the 265 foot level, X cutting west on the 165 foot level, and raising and drifting on the 165 foot level. This routine would ordinarily be poor policy in that greater lateral work should be performed with downward progression of development but in as much as the 265 foot level aiready exists, and can fairly easily be made accessible, advantage of it may well be taken.

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

Earl F. Hastings Assistant Director and Projects Engineer

## RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION

### MINING DIVISION

### REPORT OF SUPERVISING ENGINEER

Docket No. C-ND-8024 - C. M. Taylor & A.L.Gorman Date authorization for examination received - - - - - - - - - - - May 1, 1943 Date of Examination - - - - - - - - - - - - - - May 8, 1943 Date of Report - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - May 18, 1943

NOTE: The applicant has been operating under a Preliminary Development Loan in the amount of \$5,000.00 which was granted to the project in February, 1943. The loan fund has been largely expended and the borrower is requesting an additional loan for the purpose of further developing the project.

#### 1. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT

C. M. TAYLOR & A. L. GORMAN Pima County Court House Tucson, Arizona

Correspondents: Same

#### 2. CHARACTER OF PROJECT

Development of Tungsten deposit.

#### 3. LOCATION OF MINE

The mine is located in Sections 1, 2, 11 and 12, T. 185., R. 12 E., in the Pima Mining District in Pima County, Arizona. It is thirty (30) miles south by road from Tucson and nine (9) miles west by road, from Sahuarita, the nearest rail point. These roads are good, hard-surfaced dirt roads with no steep grades and are passable at all seasons.

#### 4. APPLICANT

The applicant is a partnership, composed of C. M. Taylor and A. L. Gorman. They are both elderly men. Mr. Taylor is the County Assessor for Pima County, Arizona, a position which he has held for many years and has been connected with mining intermittently during most of his adult life, generally, however, in small scale exporation and developments. Mr. Gorman is a practical mining man of many years experience. The work on this project to date, has been done chiefly on contract by Mr. E. P. Hilton who has furnished practically all of the equipment now on the property and it is proposed to continue work under this arrangement. Mr. Eldred Wilson, Geologist for the Arizona Bureau of Mines, has made a close study of the area and of the subject property. He is personally known to the applicant and has agreed to keep in touch with the proposed work and assist as far as possible with his geological interpretations.

5. LOAN REQUESTED The applicant originally contemplated requesting an additional loan in the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of developing the 265' Level in the mine. Following inspection of the accessible portion of the 265' Level, (hereinafter described) and discussion with this Engineer, it was agreed that development on the 165' Level was more practically and logically indicated and accordingly, the borrower has applied for an additional loan in the sum of \$3,000.00 for the latter purpose. 6. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT General Features There are no workings, mill, etc., which are not confined within the applicants' ownership. (2) The project complies with State Compensation and Safety-first Statutes. (3) There are no apparent discrepancies in the project. (4) There are no impeded right-of-way facilities. There is no likelihood of surface or sub-sur-(5) face trespass during the project. The mine is opened by a Shaft. (1) The property has been made the subject of a recent study by Mr. Eldred Wilson, Geologist for the Arizona Bureau of Mines. A copy of his map showing the geology and surface workings on the property accompanies the application. The sketch which accompanies this Report was made from the above map and from a compass and tape survey of the accessible portions of the two levels in the shaft. (2) The property was not sampled. Tungsten bearing material is exposed in many openings on the surface and the mill runs have been made upon material gathered up from the various cuts, shafts, etc. Because of the irregularity of mineralization, common to most tungsten deposits, it is believed by this Engineer that the result obtained by milling material from the most attractive surface showing indicates the potentiality of the property more reliably than would a large number of scattered channel samples. The 165' level is accessible and in good con-line. dition. The 265' level station in the shaft is in poor shape and the level is partially caved to a point 60' from the shaft. At this point, the level is completely caved and inamessible. 2 --

## (4) General Features of deposit, etc.

The property, known as the "Morgan Mine" lies in a region of a group of mines in the Twin Buttes area and is credited with a past production of copper and some silver, valued in excess of \$2,000,000.00. This production was made many years ago and the workings, except the upper portion of the old vertical shaft, are all caved. The ore occured along a steep east-west trending contact between a mass of brown and green garnet and an area of mixed shale, sandstone and conglomerate.

The present interest in the property is centered about a series of tungsten bearing veins which strike in a NE-SW direction with dips ranging from 45 to 70° northwesterly. These veins are quartz filled fissures in the shale-sandstone conglomerate and vary in width from a few inches to a maximum of about 9° with widths of 2 to 4° quite common. Several strong faults have been identified on the surface and it seems quite probable that several of the larger of these veins are actually faulted segments of the main vein. If this is true, it would be logical to expect that many of the other parallel veins exposed on the surface will fall into a similar pattern governed by the main faults.

Previous to the granting of a Preliminary Development Loan, a considerable amount of work had been done upon the surface, particularly in a shaft which was sunk to a depth of 40° feet. The recommendation for a loan was based upon samplings which showed WO3 content of .55% to.83% WOz in the shaft across a vein width of 5 to 9' and upon the results from milling approximately 140 tons of ore in a custom mill at Tucson, which showed a head assay of .67% WO3. Some crosscutting in a west-erly direction was done on the 165' level. This work encountered several stringers and small masses of quartz containing some scheelite, but no quartz body of con-sequence. A projection of the indicated dip of the vein in the shaft shows that the face of the crosscut is some 40' short of an intersection with the vein. Continuation of this crosscut would have been a logical development, but the opening of the 265' level seemed more desirable at that time because of the position indicated on an old map of a large quartz vein crossing the west drift on this level at 90' from the shaft. The water in the shaft stood at 30' above the level and it was believed that the shaft and level would be readily accessible upon unwatering. Actually the shaft station was found to be caved, the shaft timbers were out between the 165 level and the 265 level, except in the manway compartment, and the west drift was partially caved for a distance of 60' from the shaft and completely caved at that point. Continued work on this level would be a job of considerable magnitude involving shaft and station timbering, and cleaning up and timbering with probably considerable spiling in the drift. Also, the level would have to be kept pumped clear of water. In view of the above, it was judged wiser to abandon the proposed work on this level and instead, develop on the 165' level. Additional

considerations beside the probable excessive cost of the work on the lower level were the facts that development on the upper level would be near the surface ore, and that the work on the 265' level would be along the contact, whereas all the surface ore showings and the face of the 165' level crosscut are at some distance southwest of the contact. The borrowers' statement as of May 10 shows a balance in the trust fund of \$1,111.61. The money has been spent judiciously. It is notable that by contracting the work, it has not been necessary for the applicants to lay out any capital on equipment for either the shaft rehabilitation or the unwatering. In the lat-ter case, a firm in Tucson furnished the pumping equip-ment and the expert help needed in rigging up the machinery and pump shafting and pipe. C. Proposed Development The applicant proposes to do 200 or more feet of development on the 165° level, consisting of crosscuting to the vein or veins, and drifting and raising as indicated during the progress of the work. It is proposed to do the work on a contract basis at \$15.00 per foot, the contractor furnishing the equipment. The project is near the settlement of Twin Buttes and no camp accommodations will be required. No expenditure beyond the contract price of the development is contemplated. The outlook for ore is based upon the number of tungsten bearing veins which have been developed or indicated upon the surface and more particularly upon the record obtained from the milling of three lots of ore from the property. Fairly complete data is available regarding the first two lots, shipped to a custom mill, totalling 139.54 tons. The applicant includes a settlement statement regarding these shipments which shows a mill head average of .675% WO3. The last mill lot totalled 277 tons and recovered 1,650 lbs. of concentrate, or approximately 5 lbs. per ton. A complete mill report is not available as in the case of the first two lots, but by assuming a concentrate grade of 60% WO3 and a recovery of 50%, it will be seen that approximately .18% WO3 per ton was recovered and mill heads ran approximately .36% WO3. The low recovery is explained by the fact that the mill is not designed for treating this type of ore. There is no provision for recovering the larger crystals by screens when freed and thus avoiding excessive sliming of the scheelite. Also, since much of the scheelite is very fine, the material should be finely ground and the product floated after tabling. It would probably be necessary to treat the float concentrate on slime tables to raise its grade. The last mill lot was derived from the balance of the dump material not included in the first two shipments and from some open cut work on a vein near the shaft. Further development in the shaft would have required equipment and

it seemed more advisable to open the old vertical shaft and develop from it as described above. The shallow shaft was not accessible at the time of this examination, but the vein could be seen to be wide in the bottom. The statement is made by reliable persons that the values are continuing in the bottom and this statement is supported by the mill runs which include considerable material from the shaft. Judging from the results of mill runs and from assays by various persons, the more favorable portions of the veins at the surface seem capable of producing a grade of ore ranging between .38% WO3 and .78% WO3, or around .50% WO3.

# 7. COMMENTS OF SUPERVISING ENGINEER

Development of the property to date has disclosed a close grouping of scheelite bearing veins on the surface and mill runs amounting to several hundred tons have demonstrated the presence in the veins of shoots of material containing commercial amounts of WO3.

Further development of the veins at depth in the manner proposed by the applicants appear to be a logical and justifiable procedure and an additional loan to the project is therefore recommended.

T. P. LANE Supervising Engineer

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